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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Tens of millions of Americans are affected by  
3 bladder diseases and conditions, including urinary  
4 incontinence, overactive bladder, underactive bladder,  
5 interstitial cystitis, nocturia, urinary tract infections,  
6 bladder cancer, urotrauma, and neurogenic bladder; and

7 WHEREAS, Bladder diseases and conditions have significant  
8 impact on health and quality of life, contributing to  
9 depression, social isolation, falls, sexual dysfunction, loss  
10 of self-esteem, hospitalizations, nursing home admissions, and  
11 even death; and

12 WHEREAS, Medical and behavioral research to better  
13 understand and maintain bladder health and treat bladder  
14 diseases is critically needed, yet poorly recognized; and

15 WHEREAS, Bladder problems are highly stigmatized; open  
16 dialogue generated by the designation of a Bladder Health Month  
17 can reduce stigma and empower providers and patients to have  
18 much-needed conversations about bladder health; therefore, be  
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate November of 2016 as  
2 Bladder Health Month in the State of Illinois.